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DEFEATED BY THEMSELVES.

There are some men in the United States senate who got there by questionable means, but in all that body there is not one man who was elected by a series of such bold faced crimes as will send two republicans to claim seats from Montana.

The democrats cannot ask for a better condition of things so far as the senatorships are concerned. They have forced the conspirators into a violation of law so flagrant and so palpable that it has utterly destroyed republican hopes.

MINNEAPOLIS is rejoicing in the completion of one of the finest library buildings on the continent. A wealthy citizen gave \$100,000 toward its erection on condition that others would raise \$50,000 more.

MR. BLAINE should have moved a little faster in getting the Brazilian republic formally recognized by the United States. It was doubtless annoying to the republicans in the United States senate to have Mr. Morgan, a democratic senator, propose that our government should act promptly in the matter.

A REPUBLICAN senatorial candidate, acting as counsel for a republican rump, bringing a republican suit, based on a republican statement of facts, against a willing republican defendant, who is to be represented by a republican attorney general before a judge who is himself a republican holding two sorts of certificates of election—is an odd spectacle.

THE bland apology of our evening contemporary for the outrageous and unconstitutional rulings of Lieut. Gov. Rickards can do him no good. Any school-boy knows that seven is not a majority of sixteen and no form of hocus pocus will make anybody believe that Mr. Rickards acted fairly or honestly in declaring to the contrary.

THE Mr. Fisher who is doing all the talking for the republicans in the state senate is not the "Dear Mr. Fisher" to whom Blaine wrote those compromising letters; he is Fisher, the parliamentarian, who knows more about parliamentary law than Blaine, Carlisle, Randall, Cushing and all the rest of them.

THERE is not a single fact or circumstance that lends color to the charge of bad faith or any disposition to take any undue advantage on the part of republican senators.

THE esteemed Herald admits that the action of the republican senators in at-

tempting to elect officers was taken on the spur of the moment. We accept the explanation. But they will have all eternity to repent in.

It's tough in Auditor Kenney to refuse to pay the men who assembled according to his proclamation, isn't it? And how he will resist the Old Warhorse's lawsuit, to be sure!

SANDERS' lawsuit and that bogus organization of the senate are merely two schemes to divert the minds of the republican rump.

THE Warhorse has sued the people of Montana for votes many times, and has always been non-suited.

CARPENTER and Mantle are the pair who have laid the Old Warhorse low.

CROSS-CUTS.

A great many "buy" words will be used from now until Christmas.—Texas Sittings. He is a pretty foolish man who thinks that the grass widow is green.—Boston Post.

To Santa Claus—Don't stint yourself, old man, don't stint yourself.—Harrisburg Patriot.

In this world of folly it is dangerous to be a wise man, since it is the sage that generally favors the soup.—Baltimore American.

Contributor—Say, why don't you accept my communication? Was it too long? Editor—No; too narrow.—Lawrence American.

People who talk the most do not always have the most to say, but so long as they think they have they're happy.—Somerville Journal.

Teacher—You are a perfect dunce. Pupil—That's the first time you have marked me perfect in anything this term.—Binghamton Republican.

Money is not essential to happiness, but there is an indefinable something about a big bank account that at times is very refreshing.—The Epoch.

"Why do you want pastry for breakfast, John?" asked Mrs. McCorkle. "Because I believe in early pie eaty," replied John.—Yenowine's News.

Mr. Softpedal (assisting at a little game in Nevada)—Two tens will open a jackpot, won't they, if I get another in the draw? Mr. Drop (of the "Three Queens" Casino)—No, but they'll open a grave.—Puck.

Judge—If I got an intoxicated as you do I'd shoot myself. Prisoner—If you was'nt intoxicated as I am you couldn't hitter barn door.—Texas Sittings.

They tell me I can't have an office because I was not at Bull Run. That my chances would be much better were I even a soldier's son. But there's yet one plan I'll try if I can—I'll pose for a son of a gun.

"I am very sorry, but I cannot employ you," said the owner of a dairy to a sturdy 6-footer with a voice like blooming thunder, who had applied to him for a "job."

"But," insisted the applicant, "I know all about the work—I'm an expert milker!" "Can't help it," interrupted the dairyman, "your voice would curdle the milk."—Texas Sittings.

The person who goes into the dry goods stores to buy books doesn't always find the same learned clerks that he does in a genuine book store. "Have you Arnold's Poems?" asked a thin-chested young man in Meldrum's yesterday. "Arnold's Poems?" answered the fair girl. "Let me see, Mr. Snipley, have we 'Benedit Arnold's Poems?'"—Buffalo Courier.

"Mr. Blunderbees, doesn't my singing weary you?" "On the contrary, Miss Pely, I am charmed. Your voice is so clear, so flute-like." (Later in the evening, "What is your favorite musical instrument, Mr. Blunderbees? Do you like the flute?" "A flute, Miss Pely, always bores me to death."—Chicago Tribune.

BETTER THAN A DETECTIVE.

A Card in the Indep. sent Brings Frank A. Ordway to the Surface.

Some time ago a notice appeared in the Independent asking that information of Frank A. Ordway be sent to his relatives in Massachusetts. A few days since the following letter was received at this office from Fitchburg, Mass.:

Please accept the sincere thanks of the friends of Mr. Frank A. Ordway, residing in New England, for the insertion of that article of inquiry concerning him published in your paper December 1, for it brought from him a copy of the paper, also a letter, informing us that he was alive and well, thus lifting a load of anxiety from the hearts of his loving friends.

Yours truly, J. D. MERRIAM.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The board of trade meeting was postponed to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Thirty nine cents was offered for Major Budd stock in this city yesterday evening.

The regular meeting of the Montana society of civil engineers will be held to-morrow evening at the office of Chief Engineer Beckler of the Montana Central railway.

Ed. Colator, employed at the Minah mine, near Wickes, received quite a severe injury a few days ago by being struck in the eye with a small particle of steel.

The offending object was extracted by Dr. Schlimm, of this city, yesterday morning, and Mr. Colator is now all right, except that he carries his eye in a sling.

Books for Prisoners. Editor INDEPENDENT.—Through the generous response of friends of the cause, another very large box of most excellent literature was shipped yesterday to the prisoners at Deer Lodge, from the Helena Women's Christian Temperance Union, consisting of many bound books, history, biography and science, magazines, illustrated papers, etc.

Headed many donors whose names we do not know, we are greatly indebted to Mrs. Helen P. Reeves for the best lot given by one person, and to the following for smaller bundles: Helen Clarke, Rev. Irwin, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. T. H. Klein, Schmidt, Matheson, Worth, Cutlbert, Kosener and some who are not willing their names should appear.

If families would please preserve their literature the members of the W. C. T. U. would be only too glad to take all that can be spared, and dispose of it judiciously to the "sift-up ones" in prison, alms house and hospital.

Mrs. L. E. Howry. Arrest of a Supposed Stage Robber. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—A man giving the name of Charles Williams was arrested here this afternoon. He is believed to be the man who at different times during the past few weeks has successfully robbed four stages in the northern part of California.

THE COPPER BELL.

Great Interest Manifested in the Operations of this Company.

The machinery for working the property of the Copper Bell company has been purchased in this city and is now being placed in position at the mine. It consists of a steam boiler, engine and hoist, with a capacity for sinking 700 feet. A shaft house, ore house, boarding house and dwellings for the men are being rapidly finished, and when the machinery is in position the work of sinking will be pushed with vigor.

The exploration and development of the Copper Bell will be the means of bringing into notice a section of country that has attracted little attention heretofore, but which is rich in gold, silver, lead and copper. There are hundreds of partially developed mines on Cataract where the Copper Bell is located, which includes the mines on Overland, Hoelker and Bear gulch, the same belt extending across the divide between Cataract and Esau to Eureka gulch and Jack's creek. The country is of vast extent and is destined to be within a few years one of the best, if not the best, in the state of Montana.

AN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Mrs. Douglas Tries to End Her Life With Carbolic Acid.

About two weeks ago a woman named Mrs. Douglas, applied for lodgings at the Pacific hotel, a few doors below the Grand Central hotel on Main street. She was assigned to a room and no attention was paid to her any more than is accorded to other guests.

One day she was found by the landlady in a room, but on opening the door gave a scream and rushed back to the night clerk and gave him to understand that something was wrong.

The clerk went to see what was the matter, and on entering the room occupied by Mrs. Douglas, found her sitting on a chair, her head hanging to one side and her body perfectly rigid.

He laid her on the floor and immediately sent for a physician. There was no movement of the body and no sign of life except a slight gasping in the throat.

The physician soon arrived on the scene and, finding an empty vial and cup containing a strong smell of carbolic acid, concluding the woman had partaken of the deadly drug, pronounced her one hopeless and left.

For four hours there was no change in the attitude of the patient. At the end of that time the clerk noticed a movement of one of her legs and summoned City Physician Dr. Reed, who on arrival administered some medicine, and the woman at 3 o'clock this morning was in a fair way of recovery, although she appeared to be suffering great agony.

The case was so hopeless at one time that arrangements were made to send for the coroner.

Mrs. Douglas came to this city about five months ago direct from Scotland. She worked in the St. Louis hotel previous to engaging rooms at the Pacific hotel. She appears to be about 40 years of age, well dressed and of respectable appearance.

FELL FROM THE CARS.

Another Brakeman Loses His Life in the Usual Way.

Another of those fatalities on railroads which have become very common in Montana during the past few months occurred at Clough Junction on the Northern Pacific yesterday by which D. W. Johnson, a brakeman, lost his life.

He fell off the top of a freight car in between the cars and before the train could be stopped several wheels passed over him crushing his right hand and completely severing the right hand.

The horrible scene was viewed by several train hands who gave a signal to stop as soon as possible. Life was not extinct when several men ran to the assistance of the unfortunate brakeman.

He was conveyed to Helena at once and placed in a hospital, but he never regained consciousness and expired from the shock at 11 o'clock a. m., just three hours after the accident.

Information of the affair was telegraphed to the brakeman's father in Ohio, who sent word to have the remains of his son shipped there for interment. While it does not seem necessary to hold an inquest, it is understood that Coroner Rockman will hold one to-day. Johnson was married about 25 years of age and well liked among the railroad fraternity.

District Court Record.

The following were the proceedings in district court yesterday:

4,084—Charles Glass vs. F. J. Edwards; defendant's demurrer overruled; defendant has until Dec. 24 to answer.

3,628—In the matter of the application of Anna Carr for a writ of habeas corpus granted by court and prisoner discharged from custody.

4,740—John B. Sanford et al. vs. Mary Edwards; defendant's demurrer submitted to court and taken under advisement.

4,737—John Metcalf vs. George M. Barry; defendant's demurrer submitted and taken under advisement.

4,915—Batté Wood company vs. Montana Central R. R.; defendant's demurrer submitted and taken under advisement by the court.

4,774—Con Kelly vs. George Harrison; came up on proceeding supplementary to execution, taken under advisement. Writs examined.

4,818—Isabel J. Echols vs. Abraham T. Echols; divorce proceeding. Proof heard and decree of divorce granted on ground of cruelty.

3,832—The State of Montana vs. John Keller; petit larceny. Arraignment waived; plea guilty. Fined \$20 and costs.

3,913, 3,919—The State of Montana vs. Charles Maguire; burglary. Defendant withdrew plea of not guilty and put in motion to quash commitment.

The following is the calendar of motions and demurrers for to-day: 4,750—Selus vs. Jeffries; 4,830—Huester vs. Burke; 4,889—Pondleton vs. Carriger.

Complaints in the following cases were issued: Richard T. Kennon vs. Anton M. Holter and John C. Curtin; Henry Klein vs. Robert S. Hale.

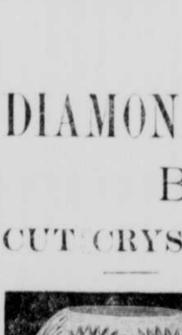
Dropped Two Silver Bars.

New York, Dec. 20.—Two silver bars worth \$4,000 were lost off a truck here to-night while in transit from the American Exchange National bank to the Cunard steamship dock. A load of \$400,000 worth of silver was being sent to the steamship Umbria for shipment to England, when two of the bars were missed.

Wholesale Market.

A strange condition of affairs exists here in regard to our supply of fresh meats. Montana, possessing hundreds of thousands

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27 MAIN STREET.

of cattle and sheep is unable, it seems, to supply her own market, but must secure a supply from St. Paul, where extensive abattoirs have been established by Armour and others.

Christmas and New Year Excursions. For the holiday season, excursion rates will be in effect on the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway to and from all points on its lines.

Tickets will be sold on the following dates: Dec. 21, 25 and 31, 1889, and Jan. 1, 1890, at one and one-third fare for the round trip, except between points in Dakota and Montana, where the rate will be one and one-fifth fare for the round trip.

Home for the Holidays. The St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway will sell tickets at excursion rates from all points on its lines on Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1889, and Jan. 1, 1890.

Holiday Excursion Rates on the Montana Central Railway. The Montana Central will sell excursion tickets between all points on their line at one and one-fifth fare for the round trip.

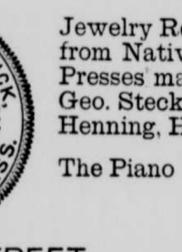
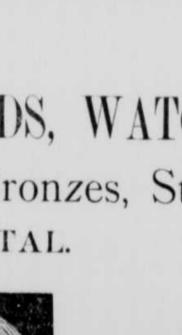
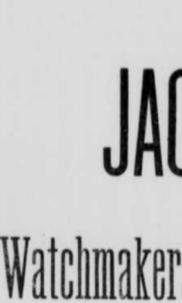
Porter, Muth & Cox, Real Estate Dealers, Gold Block.

Fascinators. Hoods and Toboggans, new, fresh, clean goods, just received, which we bought at a job, and will sell at 50c. on the dollar.

We do not keep the useless "jim-cracks" for holiday gifts, such as you find in some dry goods stores, believing that the proper place to buy toys is at the toy stores, or for pictures is at the art stores, or for confectionery is at the confectionery stores, etc.

McCormell, Cook & Co., Raleigh & Clarke's.

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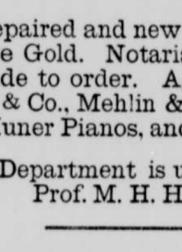
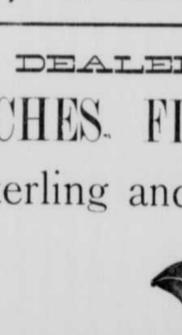
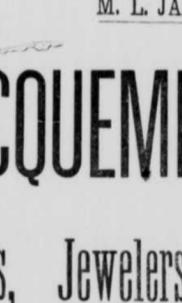
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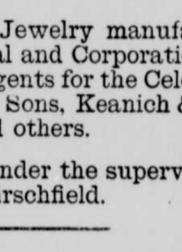
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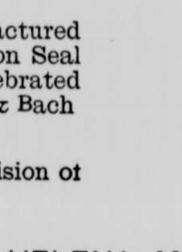
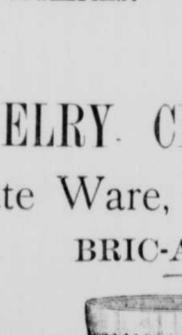
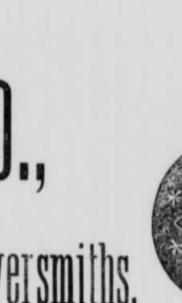
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